(c) the quantum of steel exported dunng 1989,

(d) whether the export has increased in subsequent years, and

(e) if so, the details thereof, year wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONT OSH MOHAN DEV) (a) Total production of fin ished steel during the year 1991 92 is esti mated at about 14 55 million tonnes

(b) The Steel Authority of India is the largest producer of steel in the country

(c) The quantum of mild steel exported by the main producers in 1989 90 (April March) was 2 99 lakh tonnes

(d) Yes, Sir

(e) Dunng the year 1990-91 export by the main producers was 3 11 lakh tonnes In 1991-92 (upto January, 1992), it has been 2 82 lakh tonnes

Post Offices in Villages, Maharashtra

5123 SHRI PRAKASH V PATIL Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the number of villages in Maharshtra without post offices as on the January 31, 1992 and

(b) the steps taken to by the Govern-ment to provide this facility?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MIN ISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) As on January 31, 1992, there are a total of 25224 villages without post offices in Maharashtra State

(b) While the existing postal network of the State caters to the requirements of the entire State, new post offices are opened from time to time under the Annual Plans in order to augment the postal infrastructure so as to provide better services to customers 104 extra departmental post offices have so far been sanctioned in Maharashtra during the current financial year

Availability of Eelectricity in the country

5124 SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) the total availability of Electricity in the country as on February 29, 1992,

(b) whether power generation position has improved in some States as compared to the same period in 1991,

(c) if so, the States where it has been improved, and

(d) the position in other states in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CON VENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) to (d) State-wise total availability of power in the Country during Apnl, 1990- February, 1991 and April 91 Feb , 92 is given in Statement